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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S THINKING ON QUESTION OF ACCESS TO BRIEFINGS AND OTHER PRESS FUNCTIONS FOR PEKING-BASED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT. IN THE PAST, THE CHINESE HAVE RAISED THIS QUESTION EARLY IN DISCUSSIONS OF PRESS MATTERS AND HAVE GENERALLY BEEN WILLING TO ABIDE BY THE PREFERENCES OF THE FOREIGN GUEST. THE SOLE EXCEPTION IS THE WELCOMING BANQUET; THE CHINESE, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, NEVER INVITE PEKING-BASED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO THIS.

2. USLO ASSUMES THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE -- AS DURING PREVIOUS VISITS BY THE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY -- FOR A CERTAIN NUMBER OF RESIDENT CORRESPONDENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN VISIT-CONNECTED PRESS CONFERENCES, TO ACCOMPANY EXCURSIONS, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN POOL ARRANGEMENTS ALONG WITH THE AMERICAN PRESS WHEN THESE ARE NECESSARY.

3. FROM USLO'S STANDPOINT, THE MOST SATISFACTORY DECISION WOULD BE TO PERMIT PARTICIPATION BY PEKING CORRESPONDENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE US HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (APPROXIMATELY 35). WE WOULD EXPECT BETWEEN TEN AND FIFTEEN OF THEM -- WHO HAVE A WIDE READERSHIP IN THE US AND THEREFORE FEEL A STRONG OBLIGATION TO REPORT THE VISIT IN DETAIL -- TO

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ATTEMPT TO COVER THE VISIT FULL TIME. IF NECESSARY, WE COULD LIMIT ACCESS TO SOME EVENTS TO THE WESTERN PRESS ONLY (6-10).

4. INCLUSION OF RESIDENT CORRESPONDENTS, ESPECIALLY THE WESTERN PRESS, WILL ADVANCE USLO'S WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN THE PAST. THESE JOURNALISTS ARE VALUED BY USLO AS IMPORTANT CONTACTS WHO

PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ACCESS THAT WE WOULD OTHERWISE LACK.

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